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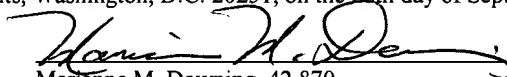
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THE DUTY OF DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance With 37 C.F.R. §1.97

(Select A, B or C below)

A. ☒ This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed:

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1. ☐ within three months of the filing date of the National Application.

2. ☐ within three months of the filing date of the entry of the National Stage, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.491, in an International Application.
3. ☒ before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

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B. ☐ This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed more than three months after the filing date of this application and after the mailing date of the first Office Action, but before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311.

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1. ☐ The fee of \$180 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is enclosed.
2. ☐ The Applicant hereby certifies, as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), that (Check a or b below)
 - a. ☐ each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart for this application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.
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1. The Applicant hereby certifies, as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e), that:
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 - a. ☐ each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart for this application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.
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2. A petition requesting consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
3. The petition fee of \$130 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)(1) is enclosed.

PART II: Information Cited

- A. ☒ The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.
- B. ☐ The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application:

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References
and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified): no non-English language references have been submitted at this time.

PART IV: Remarks

A copy of each of the above-identified information is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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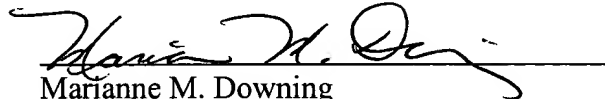
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his/her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document No.	Issue Date	Name of Patentee(s) or Applicant(s)	Class	Sub Class	Filing Date If Appropriate
		5,737,726	04/07/98	Cameron et al.	705	7	
		5,831,611	11/03/98	Kennedy et al.	345	335	
		6,044,368	03/28/00	Powers	707	2	
		6,092,083	07/18/00	Brodersen et al.	707	201	
		6,141,658	10/31/00	Mehr et al.	707	7	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document Office Number	Name of Patentee(s) or Applicant(s)	Date of Publication	Translation Yes No

OTHER NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Exam Initials	Cite No.	Name of Author, Title (when appropriate), Publication, Volume, Page(s), Date, Etc.

* a copy of this reference is not provided as it was previously cited by or submitted to the office in a prior application, U.S.S.N. _____, filed _____, and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120 (continuation, continuation-in-part, and divisional applications).

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
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